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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: AUTOMOBILES - DATE OF MANUFACTURE ISSUE

REF: TOKYO 15569

1. DOT AND US INDUSTRY ARE NOW CONSULTING ON A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH TO DATE OF MANUFACTURE (DOM) PROBLEM WHICH WE HOPE WILL MEET GOJ REQUIREMENTS. APPROACH

INCLUDES EXTENDING DOT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE DOM ON LABELS AFFIXED TO AUTOS INTENDED FOR EXPORT (OTHER THAN TO CANADA). LABELS WOULD INDICATE THAT INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO US LAW AND WOULD CITE APPLICABLE SECTION OF US CODE. IN ADDITION, DOT AND MOT WOULD SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT DOT WOULD FULLY INVESTIGATE ANY POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION BY MOT. IF WAR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RANTED, LEGAL REMEDIES UNDER THE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE

AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT WOULD BE PURSUED.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH WOULD BOTH MEET GOJ NEED  
FOR USG INVOLVEMENT IN DOM AND WOULD PROVIDE GOJ WITH  
BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION AGAINST FALSIFICATION SHOULD

THIS EVER BECOME A PROBLEM. BECAUSE CONSULTATIONS ARE  
STILL UNDER WAY WITH THE US INDUSTRY, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT  
RPT. NOT FORMALLY INFORM GOJ OF SOLUTION BEING CONSIDERED,  
BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEIR INFORMAL  
REACTION. KISSINGER

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